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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

MOSS LANDING COMMERCIAL PARK LLC.

CASE NO. C07 06072 RMW/PVT

JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

KAISER ALUMINUM CORPORATION,
KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL
CORPORATION, and DOES 1 through
100.

CMC: September 12, 2008

Time: 10:30AM

Courtroom 6

Honorable Ronald M. Whyte, Judge

Defendants.

Plaintiff Moss Landing Commercial Park, LLC and Defendants Kaiser Aluminum Corporation (“KAC”) and Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation (“KACC”)¹ submit

¹ As part of the restructuring transactions consummated in connection with KAC's and KACC's plan of USDC NDCA C07 06072 RMW/PVT - 1 - JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

1 following Joint Case Management Statement:

2 1. Jurisdiction and Service:

3 Given the causes of action pled by plaintiff, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction
4 under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 in that this case arises under 42 U.S.C. § 6972, 33 U.S.C. § 1365, and 28
5 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, and supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.
6 Service is complete.

7 2. Facts:

8 This case involves the alleged contamination of real property located adjacent to Highway
9 1, Dolan Road, Monterey Bay, and Moro Cojo Slough (the "Property"). Plaintiff Moss Landing
10 Commercial Park, LLC ("MLCP") is the current owner of the Property. MLCP alleges in its
11 complaint that KAC (the parent corporation) and KACC (the subsidiary) (sometimes referred to,
12 together, as "Kaiser") contaminated the Property and remain responsible for its remediation.
13 Plaintiff alleges that the contamination threatens a drinking water resource, endangered and
14 threatened species, adjacent wetlands, and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.
15 Accordingly, Plaintiff requests from this Court, in addition to various claims for damages, an
16 injunction requiring response action by Kaiser.

17 Kaiser denies that it is liable in any manner for the contamination allegedly at issue.
18 Kaiser contends that as a result of its bankruptcy discharge, both KAC and KACC were
19 discharged from any alleged liability. In addition, Kaiser contends that an October 2003 multi-
20 site consent decree that Kaiser entered into with the United States and certain federal agencies,
21 and certain states, including California, bars Plaintiff's claims. KAC further contends that it was
22 the parent of KACC and nothing more, and never had any direct involvement in the ownership,
23 operation or management of KACC's sites or environmental practices.

24 3. Legal Issues:

25 Subsequent to service of MLCP's complaint in this action, Kaiser filed its Motion of
26 Reorganized Debtors to (A) Enforce Injunctions Issued in Connection with the Second Amended

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28 reorganization, KACC was merged into Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation LLC in 2006. References to
KACC herein include Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation LLC.

1 Joint Plan of Reorganization and (B) Compel Moss Landing Commercial Park LLC to Dismiss
2 with Prejudice Its Lawsuit Against Kaiser Aluminum Corporation and Kaiser Aluminum &
3 Chemical Corporation, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. This
4 motion was heard in Wilmington, Delaware on February 25, 2008. The Bankruptcy Court
5 granted the motion, and ordered this action dismissed without prejudice. Subsequently, MLCP
6 sought an emergency stay of the order by the Delaware District Court pending its appeal; the stay
7 was granted for the limited purposes of (1) Kaiser filing an answer to the complaint in this action,
8 which it has done, and (2) MLCP conducting limited discovery, to which Kaiser already has
9 responded.

10 The Delaware District Court subsequently approved a stipulated schedule for MLCP's
11 appeal on August 13, 2008, when it agreed with the parties that the appeal was not appropriate for
12 mediation. MLCP filed its opening appellate brief on August 15, 2008, the Kaiser opposition
13 brief is due on or before September 14, 2008, and the MLCP reply brief is due on or before
14 September 29, 2008. No hearing date has been scheduled for oral argument.

15 The issues on appeal include: (1) whether the order to dismiss this action without
16 prejudice is a "final order" for purposes of allowing the Delaware District Court to hear the
17 appeal, and (2) whether the Delaware Bankruptcy Court erred in granting Kaiser's motion to
18 enforce the bankruptcy discharge injunction against MLCP.

19 4. Motions:

20 No motions will be filed prior to resolution of the pending bankruptcy appeal.

21 5. Amendment of Pleadings:

22 No amendments are expected at this time.

23 6. Evidence Preservation:

24 The parties have been instructed by their respective counsel to preserve all evidence which
25 may concern this dispute, including all electronic evidence.

26 7. Disclosures:

27 Due to the bankruptcy proceeding, the parties have not yet exchanged initial disclosures.

1 8. Discovery:

2 At the last case management conference, this Court permitted MLCP to make a focused
3 request for documents and special interrogatory to Kaiser; said discovery was issued, and Kaiser
4 has responded. MLCP is in the process of reviewing the responses and documents produced by
5 KACC.

6 9. Class Actions:

7 There is no foreseeable reason why this action should be treated as a class action.

8 10. Related Cases:

9 This action is related to *In re Kaiser Aluminum Corporation*, Jointly Administered Case
10 No. 02-10429 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

11 11. Relief:

12 Plaintiff asserts various claims for damage and also seeks an injunction requiring Kaiser to
13 remediate the alleged contamination of real property, groundwater, and surface water located
14 adjacent to Highway 1, Dolan Road, Monterey Bay, and Moro Cojo Slough.

15 12. Settlement and ADR:

16 Not at this time.

17 13. Consent to Magistrate Judge for All Purposes:

18 Not at this time.

19 14. Other References:

20 Not at this time.

21 15. Narrowing of Issues:

22 Not at this time.

23 16. Expedited Schedule:

24 Not at this time.

25 17. Scheduling:

26 Not at this time.

27 18. Trial:

28 MLCP has demanded a jury trial. The trial of this matter is expected to take ten (10) court

days. However, the Delaware District Court's stay of the Delaware Bankruptcy Court's dismissal order was for the purposes of Kaiser filing an answer to the complaint in this action and for limited discovery. The parties therefore submit that the Court should not set a trial date until MLCP's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's order directing dismissal of this action is resolved.

19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons:

Should MCLP succeed in its appeal of the bankruptcy court's order, it is anticipated that MCLP and Kaiser will satisfy this requirement.

20. Other:

MLCP and Kaiser will promptly notify this Court of any court ruling on MLCP's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's order directing dismissal of this action. It is reasonable to anticipate that whatever the ruling of the Delaware District Court, an appeal will be filed with the Court of Appeals.

In the meantime, the parties suggest that the Court continue the case management conference scheduled for September 12, 2008 for at least ninety (90) days. The parties will file a joint report with the Court on the status of MLCP's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's order no later than seven (7) days prior to the continued CMC, unless the Delaware District Court rules on the appeal before then, in which case the parties will promptly notify this Court of that ruling.

Dated: August 29, 2008

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